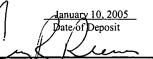


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## **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of 8/31/2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.